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SUBJECT: CASTRO VISIT GEORGETOWN

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1. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM INFORMED ME TODAY THAT ONE RESULT OF VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTER PTOLEMY REID AS GUYANA'S REPRESENTATIVE AT JULY 26 CELEBRATION IN HAVANA HAS BEEN DECISION FIDEL CASTRO VISIT GEORGETOWN. CASTRO PLANS DO THIS IN LATE AUGUST ON WAY TO ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. BURNHAM SAID, AFTER VISITING GEORGETOWN, CASTRO WILL FLY TO ALGIERS FROM EITHER CARACAS OR PORT OF SPAIN AS GEORGETOWN CANNOT ACCOMODATE LARGE SOVIET JET HE WILL USE. BURNHAM DID NOT INDICATE THAT HE WOULD TRAVEL WITH CASTRO.

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2. BURNHAM SAID HE WANTED US TO KNOW IN ADVANCE OF CASTRO

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VISIT, AND WANTED ALSO TO ASSURE US OFFICIALLY THAT VISIT DOES
NOT RPT NOT CONSTITUTE ANY CHANGE IN GUYANA'S POSITION TOWARD CUBA.
AT THIS POINT, NOTING THAT GUYANA NOW OAS OBSERVER, ALTHOUGH NOT
MEMBER, I GAVE BURNHAM GIST OF US POSITION ON CUBAN SANCTIONS
AS STATED
REFTEL. HE SAID HE AWARE OF VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE AND
ASSUMED WE WOULD OPPOSE IT ALTHOUGH HE STILL HAS UNEASY FEELING
HE WILL WAKE UP SOON AND READ IN PAPERS THAT DR. KISSENGER HAS
JUST BEEN HAVANA. BURNHAM HAS MADE THIS OBSERVATION OFTEN IN
THE PAST.

3. BURNHAM THEN ASKED WHETHER I THOUGHT HE SHOULD INVITE
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEPTION HE WILL HOLD FOR CASTRO,
OBSERVING THAT MOST OF THE COUNTRIES WITH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTA-
TION IN GUYANA HAVE RELATIONS WITH CUBA. I TOLD HIM I WOULD
QUERY WASHINGTON ON THIS POINT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
SHERRY

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